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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 January 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-68 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-68 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 01/21/2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
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Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is in response to the application filed on 01/21/2004. Claims 1-68 are pending and have been examined.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 16 and 17 are rejected as failing to define the invention in the manner required by 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

The claim(s) are narrative in form and replete with indefinite and functional or operational language. The structure which goes to make up the device must be clearly and positively specified. The structure must be organized and correlated in such a manner as to present a complete operative device. The claim(s) must be in one sentence form only. Note the format of the claims in the patent(s) cited.

Claims 19 and 48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 19 recites "first logic is substantially provided in a first device" where its meaning are unclear. This ambiguity renders claim 6 indefinite.

Claims 20-24 are also rejected by virtue of their dependencies.

Claims 49-53 are also rejected by virtue of their dependencies.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-5, 11-13, 25-26, 30-34, 40-42, 54-55, 59, and 66-68 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by **Chung et al.** (US 2003/0026462 A1).

As per claim 1:

Chung teaches a method comprising:

establishing authentication information, said authentication information including time information associated with authenticating logic [par. [0079]; lines 5-12; “Signature or other biometric data should be captured substantially in “real time” with a reliable date/time stamp made part of the signature or other biometric data record along with the digitized signature or other biometric”; an authentication information includes signature or biometric plus time stamp];

with first logic, establishing credential information [par. [0079]; “Signature or other biometric data should be captured substantially in “real time” with a reliable date/time stamp made part of the signature or other biometric data record along with the digitized signature or other biometric”; establishing

credential information is equivalent to “signature or other biometric data should be captured”]; and

outputting an authentication request comprising said authentication information and said credential information, said authentication request being cryptographically modified [par. [0083], “**The digitized signature or other biometric and/or other data should be encrypted when transmitted over the Internet, e.g., utilizing 128-bit or greater encryption coding**”. An authentication information includes signature or biometric plus time stamp should be encrypted when transmitted over the internet].

As per claim 2:

Chung teaches the method as recited in claim 1, wherein said first logic is configured to output said authentication request [par. [0083], “**The digitized signature or other biometric and/or other data should be encrypted when transmitted over the Internet, e.g., utilizing 128-bit or greater encryption coding**”].

As per claim 3:

Chung teaches the method as recited in claim 1, wherein second logic this is operatively coupled to said first logic is configured to output said authentication request [par. [0083], “**The digitized signature or other biometric and/or other data should**

be encrypted when transmitted over the Internet, e.g., utilizing 128-bit or greater encryption coding"; A logic includes a first logic and a second logic].

As per claim 4:

Chung teaches the method as recited in claim 2, further comprising:

with second logic that is operatively coupled to said first logic, receiving said authentication request an outputting a selectively modified authentication request [par. [0083], "The digitized signature or other biometric and/or other data should be encrypted when transmitted over the Internet, e.g., utilizing 128-bit or greater encryption coding"; The logic has capable to select a signature or other biometric to output a selectively modified authentication request].

As per claim 5:

Chung teaches the method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

with authenticating logic that is operatively configured to receive said authentication request, at least validating said authentication information, and authenticating said credential information [fig. 9; par. [0117]]; "Upon or after receipt, voter registration file 410 is read 420 and the encoded registration information 412 and digitized signature data 414 are separated 425 from the relational encryption code 416, and, if encrypted, are decrypted. The validity of the encoded data 412, 414 is then compared 430 to determine whether the data 412 and/or 414 is/are valid relative to encryption code 416"].

As per claim 11:

Chung teaches the method as recited in claim 6, wherein said authentication request is cryptographically modified by encryption using a private key [par. [0128]; lines 5-11; “**security for data and information transmitted via networks, the Internet and other communication media may be provided by any one or more of a relational check code or number, public or private key encryption, a 128-bit encryption protocol, or any other encryption and/or data protection scheme, whether more or less secure, whether available presently or in the future”**; par. [0083], “**The digitized signature or other biometric and/or other data should be encrypted when transmitted over the Internet, e.g., utilizing 128-bit or greater encryption coding**”. An authentication information includes signature or biometric plus time stamp should be encrypted by private key when transmitted over the internet].

As per claims 12, 13:

A private key is associated with a logic, which includes a first logic and second logic. Claims 12 and 13 are rejected with the reason as in claim 11.

As per claim 25:

Chung teaches the method as recited in claim 5, wherein said authenticating logic is configured to validate said authentication information based on at least nonce data

and timestamp data within said authentication information [par. [0079]; lines 5-12; “Signature or other biometric data should be captured substantially in “real time” with a reliable date/time stamp made part of the signature or other biometric data record along with the digitized signature or other biometric”; an authentication information includes signature or biometric plus time stamp; fig. 9; par. [0117]; “Upon or after receipt, voter registration file 410 is read 420 and the encoded registration information 412 and digitized signature data 414 are separated 425 from the relational encryption code 416, and, if encrypted, are decrypted. The validity of the encoded data 412, 414 is then compared 430 to determine whether the data 412 and/or 414 is/are valid relative to encryption code 416”].

As per claim 26:

Chung teaches the method as recited in claim 5, wherein said authenticating logic is configured to authenticate said credential information by logically comparing said credential information with stored credential information [par. [0079]; lines 5-12; “Signature or other biometric data should be captured substantially in “real time” with a reliable date/time stamp made part of the signature or other biometric data record along with the digitized signature or other biometric”; an authentication information includes signature or biometric plus time stamp; fig. 9; par. [0117]; “Upon or after receipt, voter registration file 410 is read 420 and the encoded registration information 412 and digitized signature data 414 are separated 425 from the relational encryption code 416, and, if encrypted, are decrypted. The

validity of the encoded data 412, 414 is then compared 430 to determine whether the data 412 and/or 414 is/are valid relative to encryption code 416"; fig. 1; par. [0028]; lines 1-11; county level database 20 and central database 30].

Claim 30 is essentially the same as claim 1 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as computer readable medium rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

Claim 31 is essentially the same as claim 2 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as computer readable medium rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

Claim 32 is essentially the same as claim 3 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as computer readable medium rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

Claim 33 is essentially the same as claim 4 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as computer readable medium rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

Claim 34 is essentially the same as claim 5 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as computer readable medium rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

Claim 40 is essentially the same as claim 11 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as computer readable medium rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

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Claim 41 is essentially the same as claim 12 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as computer readable medium rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

Claim 42 is essentially the same as claim 13 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as computer readable medium rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

Claim 54 is essentially the same as claim 25 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as computer readable medium rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

Claim 55 is essentially the same as claim 26 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as computer readable medium rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

Claim 59 is essentially the same as claims 1-5 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as system rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

Claims 66-67 are essentially the same as claim 1 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as an apparatus rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

Claim 68 is essentially the same as claims 1-5 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as an apparatus rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 6-8, 9-10, 14, 19-22, 27, 35-37, 38-39, 43, 48-51, 56, 60-63, and 65 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Chung et al.** (US 2003/0026462 A1) in view of **Stanko** (US Patent 20050074126 A1).

As per claim 6:

Chung does not explicitly teach an authenticating logic, outputting an authentication response comprising authentication approval information and corresponding cryptography information.

However, Stanko teaches an authenticating logic, outputting an authentication response comprising authentication approval information and corresponding cryptography information [par. [0047]; lines 6-13; “**Authentication server 208 can use any credentials that can be transmitted across HTTP to authenticate client 202, including passwords, challenge-response, digital certificates, tokens, smart cards, or biometrics, or any combination thereof, and can authenticate against**

any backend directory via lightweight directory access protocol (LDAP), Microsoft Windows NT LAN Manager (NTLM), or another protocol"; par. [0048], lines 9-11; An authentication approval information is equivalent to a token (or ticket)].

Therefore, it would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify method of Chung of the invention by including the step of Satnko because it would enable client 202 to access secure server 204A automatically [Stanko, par. [0049], lines 1-2].

As per claim 7:

Stanko teaches the method as recited in claim 6, further comprising: with said first logic, accessing at least a portion of said authentication response to retrieve said corresponding cryptography information and outputting said retrieved cryptography information [par. [0047]; lines 6-13; "Authentication server 208 can use any credentials that can be transmitted across HTTP to authenticate client 202, including passwords, challenge-response, digital certificates, tokens, smart cards, or biometrics, or any combination thereof, and can authenticate against any backend directory via lightweight directory access protocol (LDAP), Microsoft Windows NT LAN Manager (NTLM), or another protocol"; par. [0048], lines 9-11; An authentication approval information is equivalent to a token (or ticket); A client (i.e. first logic and second logic) has capable to access at least a portion of authentication response (i.e. token)].

As per claim 8:

Stanko teaches the method as recited in claim 7, further comprising:
with second logic that is operatively coupled to said first logic and said authentication logic, accessing at least a portion of said authentication response and using said retrieved cryptography information retrieve said authentication approval information [par. [0047]; lines 6-13; “Authentication server 208 can use any credentials that can be transmitted across HTTP to authenticate client 202, including passwords, challenge-response, digital certificates, tokens, smart cards, or biometrics, or any combination thereof, and can authenticate against any backend directory via lightweight directory access protocol (LDAP), Microsoft Windows NT LAN Manager (NTLM), or another protocol”; par. [0048], lines 9-11; An authentication approval information is equivalent to a token (or ticket); A client (i.e. first logic and second logic) has capable to access at least a portion of authentication response (i.e. token or ticket); par. [0049], lines 8-10; “Authentication server 208 also applies a digital signature to the ticket using a public-private key pair”; retrieving cryptograph information can be digital signature].

As per claim 9:

Chung teaches the method as recited in claim 6, further comprising:
with said second logic, accessing at least a portion of said authentication response to retrieve said corresponding cryptography information [par. [0047]; lines 6-

13; “Authentication server 208 can use any credentials that can be transmitted across HTTP to authenticate client 202, including passwords, challenge-response, digital certificates, tokens, smart cards, or biometrics, or any combination thereof, and can authenticate against any backend directory via lightweight directory access protocol (LDAP), Microsoft Windows NT LAN Manager (NTLM), or another protocol”. Par. [0048]; Lines 9-11; An authentication approval information is equivalent to a token (or ticket); A client (i.e. first logic and second logic) has capable to access at least a portion of authentication response (i.e. token)].

As per claim 10:

Chung teaches the method as recited in claim 9, further comprising:
with said second logic, accessing at least a portion of said authentication response and using said retrieved cryptography information retrieve said authentication approval information [par. [0047]; lines 6-13; “Authentication server 208 can use any credentials that can be transmitted across HTTP to authenticate client 202, including passwords, challenge-response, digital certificates, tokens, smart cards, or biometrics, or any combination thereof, and can authenticate against any backend directory via lightweight directory access protocol (LDAP), Microsoft Windows NT LAN Manager (NTLM), or another protocol”. Par. [0048]; Lines 9-11; An authentication approval information is equivalent to a token (or ticket); A client (i.e. first logic and second logic) has capable to access at least a

portion of authentication response (i.e. token or ticket); par. [0049], lines 8-10; “Authentication server 208 also applies a digital signature to the ticket using a public-private key pair”; retrieving cryptograph information can be digital signature].

As per claim 14:

Stanko teaches the method as recited in claim 11, further comprising:
with said authenticating logic, retrieving said authentication information and said credential information from said authentication request using a public key pair-wise associated with said private key [par. [0049]; lines 8-10; par. [0051], lines 5-9; “**secure server 204A retrieves the public key corresponding to the private key used to apply the digital signature to the ticket, uses it to verify the digital signature, and grants access to client 202 (that is, establishes the session)”**].

As per claim 19:

Chung teaches the method as recited in claim 8, wherein said first logic is substantially provided in a first device that includes a credential gathering mechanism configurable to establish said credential information, said second logic is provided at least partially in a second device, and said authenticating logic is provided at least partially in a third device [par. [0079]; lines 5-12; “**Signature or other biometric data should be captured substantially in “real time” with a reliable date/time stamp made part of the signature or other biometric data record along with the digitized**

signature or other biometric"; establishing credential information is equivalent to "signature or other biometric data should be captured"; A logic includes a first logic and a second logic; par. [0083]; "The digitized signature or other biometric and/or other data should be encrypted when transmitted over the Internet, e.g., utilizing 128-bit or greater encryption coding". An authentication information includes signature or biometric plus time stamp should be encrypted when transmitted over the internet];

As per claim 20:

Chung teaches the method as recited in claim 19, wherein said credential gathering mechanism is configurable to establish biometric information [par. [0079]; lines 5-12; **"Signature or other biometric data should be captured substantially in "real time" with a reliable date/time stamp made part of the signature or other biometric data record along with the digitized signature or other biometric"**].

As per claim 21:

Chung teaches the method as recited in claim 19, wherein said second device includes at least one computer operatively configured as a client device, and said third device includes a computer operatively configured as a server device [abstract; par. [007]; **"computer and a server in communication via a network, an intranet and/or the Internet, means for entry of data into the computer, and a signature or biometric digitizer including coupling software for directly entering digitized**

signature or biometric data electronically into the computer. The data and digitized signature or biometric data may be communicated to the server”; fig. 3].

As per claim 22:

Chung teaches the method as recited in claim 19, further comprising:

generating said authentication information using at least one logic selected from said second logic and said authenticating logic [par. [0083]]; “**The digitized signature or other biometric and/or other data should be encrypted when transmitted over the Internet, e.g., utilizing 128-bit or greater encryption coding”**].

As per claim 27:

Stanko teaches the method as recited in claim 8, wherein said authentication approval information includes an access token for use by said second device [par. [0047]; lines 6-13; “**Authentication server 208 can use any credentials that can be transmitted across HTTP to authenticate client 202, including passwords, challenge-response, digital certificates, tokens, smart cards, or biometrics, or any combination thereof, and can authenticate against any backend directory via lightweight directory access protocol (LDAP), Microsoft Windows NT LAN Manager (NTLM), or another protocol”**; par. [0048], lines 9-11; An authentication approval information is equivalent to a token (or ticket)].

Claim 35 is essentially the same as claim 6 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as computer readable medium rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

Claim 36 is essentially the same as claim 7 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as computer readable medium rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

Claim 37 is essentially the same as claim 8 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as computer readable medium rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

Claim 38 is essentially the same as claim 9 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as computer readable medium rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

Claim 39 is essentially the same as claim 10 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as computer readable medium rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

Claim 43 is essentially the same as claim 14 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as computer readable medium rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

Claim 48 is essentially the same as claim 19 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as computer readable medium rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

Claim 49 is essentially the same as claim 20 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as computer readable medium rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

Claim 50 is essentially the same as claim 21 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as computer readable medium rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

Claim 51 is essentially the same as claim 22 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as computer readable medium rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

Claim 56 is essentially the same as claim 27 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as computer readable medium rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

Claim 60 is essentially the same as claim 6 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as a system rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

Claim 61 is essentially the same as claim 27 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as a system rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

Claim 62 is essentially the same as claims 7-8 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as a system rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

Claim 63 is essentially the same as claims 12-14 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as a system rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

Claim 65 is essentially the same as claims 7-8 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as a system rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

Claims 15-18, 44-47, and 64 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Chung et al.** (US 2003/0026462 A1) and **Stanko** (US Patent 20050074126 A1) in view of **Goldstein** (US 7,185,206 B2).

As per claim 15:

Stanko teaches encrypting authentication approval information using said temporary key [par. [0047], lines 6-10; par. [0049]; lines 1-10; par. [0051], lines 5-9; “**secure server 204A retrieves the public key corresponding to the private key used to apply the digital signature to the ticket, uses it to verify the digital signature, and grants access to client 202 (that is, establishes the session)**”].

Chung and Stanko do not explicitly teach an authentication establishing a temporary and encrypting said temporary key using said public key to form said corresponding.

However, Goldstein teaches an authentication establishing a temporary and encrypting said temporary key using said public key to form said corresponding [Col. 4,

lines 35-44; “Most systems use a combination of public-key and symmetry. when two computers initiate a secure session, one computer creates a symmetric key and sends it to the other computer using public-key encryption. The two computers can then communicate using symmetric-key encryption. After the session is finished, each computer discards the symmetric key used for that session. Any additional sessions require that a new symmetric key be created, and the process is repeated”;

Therefore, it would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify method of Chung and Stanko of the invention by including the step of Goldstein because it would provide to encrypt information to make it secure [Goldstein, Col. 3, lines 62-62].

As per claim 16:

Goldstein teaches the method as recited in claim 15, further comprising:

with said second logic, providing said encrypted temporary key to said first logic; and with said first logic, retrieving said temporary key from said encrypted temporary key using said private key [Col. 4, lines 35-44; A client includes a first logic and second logic].

As per claim 17:

Goldstein teaches the method as recited in claim 16, further comprising:

with said first logic, providing said retrieved temporary key to said second logic; and with said second logic, retrieving said authentication approval information using said retrieved temporary key [Col. 4, lines 35-44; **A client includes a first logic and second logic**].

As per claim 18:

Goldstein teaches the method as recited in claim 15, wherein said temporary key includes a symmetric key [Col. 4, lines 35-36; “**most systems use a combination of public-key and symmetric**”].

Claim 44 is essentially the same as claim 15 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as computer readable medium rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

Claim 45 is essentially the same as claim 16 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as computer readable medium rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

Claim 46 is essentially the same as claim 17 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as computer readable medium rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

Claim 47 is essentially the same as claim 18 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as computer readable medium rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

Claim 64 is essentially the same as claims 15-17 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as a system rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

Claims 23-24, 52-53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Chung et al.** (US 2003/0026462 A1) in view of **Stanko** (US Patent 20050074126 A1) in view of **Howard et al.** (US 2004/0103064 A1).

As per claim 23:

Chung and Stanko do not explicitly teach a second logic modifies said authentication request by including certificate information in a modified authentication request.

However, Howard teaches second logic modifies said authentication request by including certificate information in a modified authentication request [par. [0018], lines 5-8; “**User PC 10 then contacts authentication server 30 through Internet 20 A serial number 48 and an encrypted certificate 49 are sent to authentication server 30”].**

Therefore, it would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify method of Chung and Stanko of the invention by including the step of Howard because it would help to reduce fraud through password sharing associated with the prior art method of access [Howard, par. [0013], lines 12-15].

As per claim 24:

Howard teaches the method as recited in claim 23, wherein said authenticating logic is configured to validate said authentication request based at least in part on said certificate information [par. [0020], lines 6-8; “**When authentication server 30 receives serial number 48 and encrypted certificate 49, it can apply master key 53 to verify the identity of smart card 14”**].

Claim 52 is essentially the same as claim 23 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as computer readable medium rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

Claim 53 is essentially the same as claim 24 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as computer readable medium rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

Claims 28-29, 57-58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Chung et al.** (US 2003/0026462 A1) in view of **Bull et al.** (US 6,799,270 B1).

As per claim 28:

Chung teaches time information including timestamp data as described in claim 1 but he does not teach authentication information includes nonce data.

However, Bull teaches authentication request includes nonce data [Col. 6, lines 44-47; “The nonce Na is a value randomly generated by the client node A 14 that uniquely identifies the authentication request at client node A 14”].

Therefore, it would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine of Chung of the invention by including the step of Bull because it would be obvious to use nonce data for each authentication request [Col. 6, lines 44-47; Bull].

As per claim 29:

Chung teaches authentication request includes data comprising identifier data, signature data, timestamp data, and credential data as described in claim 1 but he does not teach nonce data.

However, Bull teaches authentication request including nonce data [Col. 6, lines 44-47].

Therefore, it would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify method of Chung of the invention by including the step of Bull because it would be obvious to use nonce data for each authentication request [Col. 6, lines 44-47; Bull].

Claim 57 is essentially the same as claim 28 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as computer readable medium rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

Claim 58 is essentially the same as claim 29 except that it sets forth the claimed invention as computer readable medium rather a method and rejected under the same reasons as applied above.

Conclusion

The prior arts made of record and not relied upon are considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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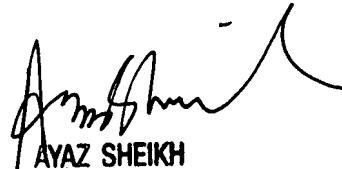
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